Opportunities for students

*118. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of students who pass out of schools and colleges every year,

(b) the number of students who enter colleges or other educational pursuits and number of those who look for job market;

(c) the number of students who are neither accommodated by the job market nor by higher educational pursuits;

(d) whether adequate opportunities exist to accommodate students in job market and higher educational pursuits; and

(e) if not, the corrective action Government have taken or are contemplating to accommodate a large number of students emanating from schools and colleges every year in gainful pursuits?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Estimated number of students who passed High Schools, Higher Secondary/Intermediate, Graduate & Post Graduate level Examinations in the year 1999 and 2000 are as under:

(Figures in Lakhs)

Examination	1999 Passed	2000 Passed
High School Exam.	60.60	60.88
Higher Secondary/Intermediate Exam.	33.18	34.27
Graduate	13.93	15.78
Post Graduate	3.46	4.11

(b) and (c) As on 30.09.2002, enrolment in higher education institutions was 95.17 lakhs.

According to the estiamtes given by the Directorate General of Employment & Training (DGE&T), around 7 million persons are fresh entrants to the Labour Force every year.

As per the data provided by the Ministry of Labour, 413 lakh persons were registered with the Employment Exchanges during the year 1999-2000.

(d) and (e) Students passing out of schools can pursue higher education not only in regular institutions but also in the distance mode through courses offered by national and state level Open Universities.

Employment opportunities are created through economic growth as well as employment generation programmes of the Government.

Private participation in rural education

*119. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private participation in running secondary schools in rural areas in virtually nil;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering any policy for increasing private participation in secondary schools in rural areas so that people in rural areas can get secondary education affordably and qualitatively by fulfilling Government's goal for education to all?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per available data, the percentage of private unaided schools in the secondary and senior secondary sector has risen from 6% in 1973 to 24% in 2001. Such private unaided schools are found both in rural and urban areas.

(c) Over 90% of all secondary schools, including Government, private aided and private unaided schools are affiliated to State Board of Education. There is at present no policy aimed at promoting private participation in secondary schools. The Government of India has a scheme to establish one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country to provide